GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
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Import and Export of Pulses
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of import and export of pulses during the last three years, month-wise;
(b) the price index of pulses in all major cities of India;
(c) the reasons for the fall of price of pulses, especially in Madhya Pradesh during the month of May, 2017; and
(d) the steps taken by the Government to ensure reasonable prices of pulses produced by farmers in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRI C. R. CHAUDHARY)

(a) : The requisite details are at Annexure.

(b) : Central Statistics Office (CSO), M/o Statistics & Programme Implementation (MOSPI) does not compile Consumer Price Index (CPI) city-wise.

(c) : There has been a fall in the price of pulses including Madhya Pradesh primarily owing to bumper domestic production of pulses in 2016-17. The pulses production in the country rose from 16.35 million MT in 2015-16 to 22.40 million MT in 2016-17. In Madhya Pradesh, production of pulses rose by 0.77 million MT (14.53 %) from 5.30 million MT in 2015-16 to 6.07 million MT in 2016-17.

(d) : Government is implementing schemes like Price Support Scheme (PSS) and Price Stabilization Fund (PSF) Scheme to ensure remunerative prices to pulse farmers. Under these schemes, major pulses like Tur, Moong, Chana, Urad and Masur are procured either at MSP under PSS or market prices if the prices are above MSP under PSF.

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